

Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects  
**Statute Revision Task Force Meeting Notes**  
**September 17, 2013**  
**215 Centennial Mall South, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Small Conference Room, Lincoln, NE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Committee Chairperson Pat Slaven and informed the public of the location of the Open Meeting Act. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

**Roll Call:**

Pat Slaven, Chairperson

Dennis Scheer (left meeting at 3:42 pm)

Ken Backman

Brad Swerczek

Todd Maiellaro (Board Member)

John Royster (Absent)

Gary Wells (Board Member)

**Public Comments:**

None.

**A Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

It was moved and seconded (Swerczek/Backman) to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of August 13, 2013 as submitted by Board Member Maiellaro. Motion passed. Voting Yes: Slaven, Backman, Swerczek, Scheer; Voting No: None.

**B Review and Discussion of Survey Results**

After the last Committee Meeting, a survey was sent to all Nebraska license holders, the results of the survey are attached. Overall, the results seemed very positive about the proposed changes. Chairperson Slaven suggested that the committee focus the discussions on those items that either had no votes or had additional comments. Through the discussions, there were some issues that the committee felt would have to rely on Board decisions, such as the definition of health, safety, and welfare. But the overall committee recommendations are as follows:

1. Regarding PDH Requirements. The Committee thought it important to hold the number of PDH related health, safety, and welfare (hsw) to a minimum of 2/3 of the required total hours. Though, this caused some confusion on survey about exactly what the definition of hsw was and how it was to be accounted for. This was one of those issues that the Committee felt the Board could address, as stated earlier. They felt that the variety and the ease of access to such related PDH events should not be difficult to obtain the required credits. However, they felt maintaining some flexible credits, example self-study, would also be important. But that is not to say that these flexible credits could not also be hsw related. Therefore a motion was presented: **Motion** (Backman/Swerczek): The Committee recommends that a total of 30 PDH be required over a 2-year period with a minimum of 22 PDH be related to health, safety, and welfare, and a maximum of 8 PDH of the 30 PDH may be self-study.

Roll Call: Voting Yes: Slaven, Backman, Swerczek, Scheer; Voting No: None.

2. Regarding License Renewal. **Motion** (Slaven/Backman): The Committee recommends that for all renewals of license, a check box will be provided on the renewal form certifying that the individual has met the PDH requirements satisfying the Nebraska requirements.

Roll Call: Voting Yes: Slaven, Backman, Swerczek, Scheer; Voting No: None.

3. Regarding Random submittal reviews. **Motion** (Backman/Swerczek): The Committee recommends that 10% of the renewals be audited to verify the PDH requirements satisfying the Nebraska requirements.

Roll Call: Voting Yes: Slaven, Backman, Swerczek, Scheer; Voting No: None.

4. Regarding Intern Landscape Architect title. The Committee leaned toward following the CLARB path for evaluation, experience, and examination in order to be qualified for this title. **Motion** (Swerczek/Backman): The Committee recommends that an application for Intern Landscape Architect shall have a nominal fee established by the Board and title to be renewed every two years with online check box for period of 6 years, at which time application for extension would be required.

Roll Call: Voting Yes: Slaven, Backman, Swerczek, Voting No: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Attachment

Respectfully Submitted by Todd Maiellaro, PLA, ASLA, Nebraska State Board Member